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CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [21]

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JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1894. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
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Subscribed Capital £500,000

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H. Stolterfoth, Esq. Chief Manager,
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

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Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

NOTICE.
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The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS on CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE
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1st November, 1894. [181]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, advertised for THURSDAY, 8th instant, is POSTPONED until THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLosed until 15th instant.

By Order of the Board,

R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [317]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to 17th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1894. [324]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to the 17th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1894. [325]

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per Annum, has been DECLARED by the Directors of the above Company on the Underwriting Account for 1893, and will be PAYABLE at SINGAPORE on April, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 23rd March to 2nd April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors.

W.M. MACBEAN,

Agent,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1894. [326]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, who have hitherto been known as ISAAC EZRA OBADIAH, will from to-day adopt and be known under my proper family name of ISAAC EZRA ELLIS.

ISAAC EZRA ELLIS.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [328]

THE PHARMACY,

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MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.

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FLETCHER & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [283]

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IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSPHELES, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNOORR'S ANTIPYRINE. Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr. KNOORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary; its effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds, is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [406]

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THE DESTINY OF MAN,

BY CHESNEY DUNCAN,

(Author of "Corus and the Powers," "All is not Gold that Glitters," &c.)

Being an analysis of all religious tenets, with deductions drawn from facts and observations and containing chapters on

"And the World was" and

"Man's Destiny."

N.B.—This work will be produced simultaneously in England and the Far East, but as the Eastern edition will necessarily be much smaller than that published in England, orders for the same may be booked with the Author,

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PRICE 5/- PER COPY.

1st November, 1894. [182]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1894. [30]

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DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
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It is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

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In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at 8/- and 7/- Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
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COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

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THE SETTLEMENT WITH MOROCCO.

MADRID, March 6th.

Last night telegrams were received from General Martinez Cambos, Spanish envoy to the Sultan of Morocco for the Mellisafar, reporting that the negotiations are now concluded; Morocco is to pay an indemnity of four million dollars, of which one million is to be in cash, and the balance in ten annual instalments of \$300,000 each. As security for payment Spain has a lien on the Customs of Morocco. The neutral zone enclosing the Spanish port at Mellis will be defined this summer by a mixed commission of Spanish and Moorish delegates, who will arrange everything except the boundaries and cemeteries of Sidi Guisrich, which they will not deal with at all. (That was the very thing that started the trouble—a dispute as to which was the boundary and which military.) Trade between Mellis and the rest of the country will be carried on in the neutral zone.

Spanish consulates will be appointed both at Marrakech (the capital) and Fez (the port).

The Sultan will punish the Riff tribes, and if Spain deems the punishment insufficient, the Sultan will order more.

General Campos is now returning to Spain in the gunboat *Conde de Venadillo*. Later.

An official telegram states that the indemnity is twenty million dollars; other conditions of settlement as above stated.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Mercury* has gone to sea for two days' firing practice.

How to look for the fate of Gladstone's Home Rule Bill—through Peer-glasses.

Lady (at hotel)—Can we have some fruit? Obliging Manager—I'll have a mango with you with pleasure.

It is said that the Russian Government has prohibited the importation of silver into Vladivostock.

THE Manila Spring Races were held on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th March, five events being negotiated each day.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum, for the week ended March 12th are:—Europeans, 214; Chinese, 9,517; total 9,731.

IT is confidently expected that the Dock Company's tug-boat *Pilot Fish* will be got off the reef and safely docked some eight or ten days hence.

Mr. Seeds (on steamer)—What business are you in?

Rev. Mr. Sower—I am proselytizing.

Mr. Seeds—Don't you find trade d—bad?

Mr. Hugh Fraser, the British Minister to Japan, was received in audience by the Emperor on the 2nd inst. Mr. Fraser was also received by the Empress.

EARTHQUAKE shocks are apparently becoming of more frequent occurrence in Japan. The most recent is reported from Hakodate, where a severe shock was experienced on the 25th ulto., its vibrations were perceptible for about two minutes.

Two detectives (Indian and Chinese) of the Singapore Police Force arrived here in the P. and O. steamer *Aden* to-day to take charge of the Chinaman who was recently arrested on board the *Glenlyon*, upon her arrival from the sister Colony, and charged in the Police Court with cheating in the Straits.

WHERE ignorance is bliss, etc. The *Daily Press*, a most interesting specimen of dead-and-died modern journalism, seriously tells us that Madame Minnie Hawk, now en route to Japan via Hongkong, is "the prima donna of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden." The accomplished galoot responsible for this exhibition of blatant ignorance ought to take a long holiday, or drown himself, or do something equally innocuous. "The Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden" has no existence, and the original *Carmen*, a most charming and talented artiste whose professional merits will not be adequately appreciated in this superficially gilded colony, is merely Madame Minnie Hawk on a tour, chiefly for the benefit of her health. Our morning contemporary is really the most sickening exhibition of deplorable scold in the journalistic world of the Far East—not even excepting the *Amoy Thunderbolt*. The latter "rag" says nothing when it has nothing reliable or interesting to say, and sets an example which the talented (if) staff of the Wyndham Street oracle might emulate with great advantage.

THE FAIR FREEZER FROZEN OUT.

She was seated in the street car
And the passengers had to frown,
For it was blowing cold as thunder.
When she let the window down.

The people shock and shivered.
Polled their collars 'round their ears,
While she sat there unmoored
In a fine new set of furs.

She was asked to "close the window."
But she merely waved her arm:
"No, gentlemen, excuse me,
For I'm comfortably warm."

Then the men, as mad as blazes,
Ran in mass just "they are that."
And they sat down every window.

That would open in the car.

And the woman in the sealskin
Got a blossom on her nose ;
She began to shake and shiver
Till her face was nearly froz.

The passengers enjoyed it,

And she soon was looking sad ;
For it was the first new sealskin.

That the woman ever had.

And she was out to show it.

As she took in winter's breath,
By a great big open window.

Piercing other folks to death,

But she jerked the strap directly.

And she, shivering, left the car.

And they laughed to hear her mother.

"What beastly set you are!"

Then they hoisted all the windows.

And in comfort gave a gush.

For instead of being frozen
They had fit the fitter out.

With *W.H. Smith*,

WHILST engaged in sinking a petroleum well at Taliak, the other day, a Japanese labourer struck the spring and was drowned in the overflow before he could be rescued.

H.M.S. *Firebrand*, on her return to Hongkong from Shanghai on the 24th inst., will undergo an overhaul prior to being recommissioned for another term of service on this station.

Mr. C. P. L. KIRKING, late superintendent of the Yokohama Fire Brigade, died on the 9th inst. on board the P. and O. steamer *Anconia*, between Yokohama and Kobe, while en route to England to bring out his wife and family.

WE are advised by the Secretary of the Punjum Mining Company (Limited) of the receipt of a telegram from the mines to the effect that pay-off has been struck in the Trial Shaft South, the lode being four feet wide, and running north and south.

THERE are in and around Yokohama no fewer than 5,000 women and girls engaged in the silk-handkerchief industry, the majority of whom have also to attend to their regular household duties. A guild is about to be formed for the protection of their interests.

TRUMPS A Batavian contemporary of recent date—Reporters were current here a few days ago, that the Singapore-owned steamer *Chang Chew* had been in collision with a Dutch man-of-war, and that 200 pilgrims had gone down with the ship and all hands. No particulars are yet available.

Mrs. Hong—Why do you spend so much time at your Club dear?

Mr. Hong—Because it's so comfortable.

Mrs. Hong—Then, why not make your home like the Club?

Mr. Hong—Impossible, my darling, it takes five hundred members—and a bar, to do that.

A TERRIBLE para, from a Batavian newspaper—A Chinese cyclist some time ago was out on his machine in the Celebes after dark, without a lamp. There was a collision with a dogcart. The dogcart and pony went into a ditch; the Chinaman went into Court at Macassar, and *judicis* 150 (damages) also went in and stopped in Court.

IT is reported in home papers that Princess Leopoldine Bonaparte, the widow of the Duke of Aosta, brother of King Humbert of Italy, has created some scandal in royal circles by the efforts she is making to induce the King of Italy and the Pope to give their consent to her marriage to her step-son, the present Duke of Aosta, with whom she was in love before she killed him to marry his father.

THE School Sports (not to be confounded with the attempted sports of the Hongkong "Athletic" Club) were to have been held to-day, but as the entries are so unexpectedly large (over six hundred) the programmes cannot be printed sooner than to-morrow; consequently the sports have been postponed until Wednesday. The prizes—very fine selection indeed—are on view at Brewer's book store, Queen's Road.

THE *sorci* of Gifu must, is the opinion of the *Hiroko News*, be reckoned as a local evil completing a trifly of terrible afflictions in which earthquakes and floods are the remaining members. The devastation by earth and water is well-known, the *sorci* undertake to supply the five. A late performance was the firing of Mr. Nagai's house, that gentleman being a candidate in the seventh district. Three of their number proclaimed openly on the eve of the election that they meant to kill anybody who voted for him.

A VERY BUSY WOMAN.

She pronounced, in sounding platitude, Her universal gratitude.

For men of every latitude

From the tropics to the poles,

She felt a consanguinity,

A sisterly affinity,

A kind of kith-and-kinship,

For all these foreign souls.

For Caledonian Highlanders,

For brutal South Sea Islanders,

For wet and moist and dry landers,

For Gentile, Greek, and Jew ;

For Fins and for Siberians,

For Arabs and Algerians,

For Terra-del-Fuegians

She was in a constant stew.

O, it worried Miss Sophronia

Lest the men of Patagonia

Should die with the pneumo-

With the phthisis or the chills,

Yes, indeed, she worried daily,

Lest the croup or cold should waylay

Some poor Soudanese or Malay,

Dying for the lack of pills.

And she toiled on without measure,

And with most unsifted pleasure,

For the good of Central Asia,

And the pagan people there.

But meanwhile her little sister,

Died of a neglected blister,

But Sophronia hardly missed her,

For she had no time to spare.

THE Haiphong *Courrier* says:—French industry has completely lost its influence in Japan; two large ironworks, which must be worth about fifteen million dollars, have just been ordered in Europe for the Mikado's Navy, and French contractors were not even asked to tender, though they were asked to tender, though the tenders would have been accepted at a million dollars below the English. The fact is that French firms make no effort to push their interests here (nor indeed anywhere else, to any great extent); while the British firms have at Tokio their own special technical agents, who enjoy the best of treatment, know how to keep themselves posted as to what is and will be doing, and manage to get their tenders accepted even in preference to those of the commission firms who act for French shipbuilders and engineers in Yokohama, but who never study Japanese requirements. As long as the great foundries of France, the Chantiers de la Méditerranée, the Creusot, the Chantiers de la Loire, do not take up their trade to maintain, right at Tokio, their own special agents, of more reliability than the ubiquitous *Tenjin* syndicates, they will sell all the millions of Japan continuous to go along the road so carefully paved by the more enterprising British. Moreover, the Japanese engineers form very unsatisfactory epitomes of what the French workmen can do, for we send in applications for contracts to build them vessels of the latest model, with quick-firing guns, hydraulic gear, electric appliances to set in motion every important mechanism of the ship by merely pressing a button—and then we show them specimens like the *Trempland* and *Savard*, which come out to the Far East on *glorieux* *travailleurs*. The French mail steamers strengthen the bad impression, by regularly taving a fifth or a sixth longer time than the P. & O. boats on the same voyage. The British squadron in the Far East comprises four ships—the *Impérial* and *Léopard*, while the *Centaur*, a first-class ironclad of latest pattern, is expected soon; the Russians have here the *Admiral Kornilov*, and they will shortly have out the *Admiral Nakhimov*, while even the United States, hitherto contented with a China Squadron of ancient "ships of the line," single-deckers, have now sent out two of the most modern and admirable warships, the *Baltimore* and *Concord*. The French Naval authorities are making a tremendous mistake. Their policy is to concentrate all their resources on the Mediterranean, and keep their garrisons at Berlin; but they have been playing this game now for 24 years past, and it only means that we are keeping our cards in our hands while our rivals play as they like, and our influence abroad goes day by day.

THE death of the ex-High Priest of Hongkong, was drawn attention to the system in vogue among the High Priests of the Shilohian sect in Japan, where it is not considered a disgrace to their ascetic honour to make a public display of their mistresses. The latter regard the life of a High Priest as a short cut to Heaven, and the sect, it is, says the *Japan Gazette*, being discussed with levity in various religious papers at the present time. It is strange that this sect should be the only one that has sent preachers to spread its tenets abroad. The Tendai sect, on the other hand, appears determined to be more rigorous. The chief officiating priest, the Rev. Tomokil Kwanzen, has told us he had a wife. But the latter resisted the order, because the rules of the sect do not prohibit marriage, and therefore there was nothing contrary to the sect's doctrines in his marriage. The members of the temple, taking the married, priest's side, advised the Chief Officer to resign his post himself, and memorialised the Home Minister to remove this enemy to marriage. The subordinates' temple is the eastern part, which are also inigrants at the Chief Officer, and Councillor, Watanabe of Shiga-ken was privately ordered by the Home Minister to attempt a forcible separation; but the Chief Officer refused to resign his post or to leave his post. He has again ordered the priest Kwanzen to leave Mihara and go to the *Yamagata* for necessary treatment.

OUR AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

Sir Frank C. Lascelles has been appointed

Lord Reay has been appointed Under Secretary to the India Office, and Mr. George W. E. Russell Under Secretary to the Home Office.

MR. GLADSTONE RECOVERING.

Mr. Gladstone is progressing favourably.

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example, we find that all fines imposed on members of that splendid Force go into a fund from which special rewards for the zealous performance of duty, etc., etc., are forthcoming for the constables, so that the money taken as fines from misdemeanants is returned to their more painstaking and better behaved comrades—not a fraction of the fines going into the Imperial Treasury. In Hongkong, on the contrary, fines imposed by the Chief of Police go into the coffers of the government, which is a parsimonious and short-sighted way of dealing with the rank and file, and which leads to a good deal of discontent and the not unnatural disgust of those who, for the most part, find that in coming out to Hongkong they have not fallen upon the bed of roses which they were induced to believe when enlisting.

Now, what are the actual wages and prospects of ordinary members of the Hongkong Police? We know that there are members in the Force who at one time in their lives knew the dollar to be up to 4s, and even over that amount, while to-day it is more than a fraction under two shillings! Well, and good, but what does the pay-roll reveal? Taking the pay and the pensions separately, we find that the average pay of the Hongkong policeman is 4s 6d a year (calculating the dollar at 2s); of the British soldier, 4s 4d; of the "A.B.s" on board ship at least 4s 4d; of the highest skilled and lowest skilled labourer in London, for instance, 6s 6d odd; of the Glasgow constable about 5s. Further investigation reveals the fact that a London constable after 21 years' service receives a pension of 3s 4d per annum (his *confidante* in Hongkong, at the present rate of exchange, after 15 years' service is entitled to a pension of nearly 3s 0d); of the soldier it is about 5s 0d; of the man-of-war's man it is, roughly speaking, also about 5s 0d per annum. It appears that the usual time at which constables of the United Kingdom retire is after 22 years' service, and at that time a constable's pension would exceed a soldier's by 8s per cent., a naval seaman's by 8s per cent., and a Naval Petty Officer's by 17 per cent., while constables' did they remain in the ranks of ordinary labour, would get, of course, no pension at all. That is the situation in a nut-shell, and it is a condition of things that merits careful consideration by the Government authorities. In the interests of the maintenance of the *esprit de corps* which is just as much the backbone of police forces as it is of the Army and Navy, this should be done, if for no other reason. That the men's interests have been overlooked appears beyond question, when, in view of the hardship entailed on marine officers and engineers for instance owing to the fall in the sterling value of the dollar, shipowners voluntarily took the question of pay into consideration a year ago and although the Mexican was then no lower than 2s 8d, issued circulars notifying their employees that they would be allowed to draw half their pay at 3s 6d—magnanimity on their part which has been very highly appreciated. That the men deserve some consideration there seems no doubt, even in the minds of the Executive, for early in January the Governor-in-Council caused a circular to be submitted to all sorts and conditions of policemen in the colony, asking them if they were willing that their pay should be reckoned at three shillings, and that should any of them, at some future date, go home on leave or on pension that rate of pay should stand good? That such a proposition met with negative replies on every hand, as we reported at the time, should have been taken as evidence not that the men are well satisfied with their present pay and wish for no concessions, but that, on the contrary, they are possessed of more intelligence than they were, presumably, credited with, and that they were holding out for better terms. It cannot, of course, be urged as a reason for raising the pay of our European police Force that their work is harder than a soldier's or a sailor's, that it is more distasteful than the one or more dangerous than the other. It is, in fact, in many ways to be preferred to either. But that is not the question. The problem, if such it amounts to, is—"Have the men a *bona fide* grievance?" If so, by all means let them be fairly heard, and fairly dealt with. A Government that can afford to lose upwards of \$100,000 in three short years owing to the gross incompetence of some and the rank dishonesty of others in their employ (we refer to the scandalous Baradas and Alves defalcations) without deeming it necessary to call upon the Home Government to make good losses incurred through incompetent Imperial employees, can surely find ways and means of providing as much succour for the goose as has, as above stated, already been served out to the gander. "A fair field and no favour" should be the motto of the Executive here as elsewhere, and until that oft-quoted principle is rigidly adhered to, it is idle to expect that the machinery of Government will run as smoothly as the ratepayers have every right to expect.

RIOTING IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TWO MEN KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED.

Ill-fated generated between two old rivals, the *Tung-koon* and *Sun-sou* coolie guilds, during the recent Man-Mew festival culminated in a declaration of war two days ago, and the leaders of the disputants being unable to come to terms skirmishing began yesterday afternoon in the western districts of the city. Bambos, fighting-irons and meat-choppers were brought into requisition with the result that two men were carried off to the Civil Hospital suffering from severe skull wounds, while another gallant warrior had his head and right arm so severely injured that he expired before daybreak to-day. This morning, however, there was "blood in the moon" for the guilds had armed their fighting men with revolvers, spears and bludgeons, ready for a hand-to-hand encounter at an early hour, and these were told off in squads scattered in various godowns and lodging-houses down West. The appearance of the police on the scene early this morning, however, turned the tide somewhat, and instead of the streets being filled with rioters they were fairly clear, the combatants confining themselves to the many spots of "potting" with revolvers, at well known passes by in Queen's and Hillier Streets. Most of the shots went wide of the mark, but one of them took effect in the abdomen of *Tung-koon* hawker who expired about 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Civil Hospital. Shortly after the wounded hawker was carried off to the hospital the plain-clothes police ransacked the lodging-houses in Queen's Street, while a number of plain constables and troopers cleared Queen's Road West, which was crowded with hundreds of the lower class of Chinese. At the same time the minions of the Registrar General were sent out to post in the disturbed districts a "warning" to the natives to keep the peace at all hazards. This notice, together with the presence of extra police in Queen's Road West, appears to have had the desired effect, for since noon to-day there has been no recurrence of disorder down West, although a seat of guerrilla warfare is being carried on by pickets of *Tung-koon* men, who are reported to have committed murderous assaults on their opponents in various parts of the Colony during the afternoon. The members of guilds concerned have not yet assumed their daily avocations, and it is reported

that the *Tung-koon* men intend to avenge the death of the hawker (one of their clanmen) who was shot this morning.

Up to the present time two men are said to have been killed and six are in hospital suffering from wounds.

The police have arrested two of the ring-leaders whom they found in possession of revolvers and ammunition.

CHARLEY'S AUNT."

The London Lyric Company has been drawing unusually large audiences to the performances at the Theatre Royal. The lyrics have "caught on" so to speak, with some splendid comedies, say what you will, the world would rather laugh any day than cry.

"Charley's Aunt" was the bill on Saturday night. The author, Brandon Thomas, is a well known novelist and short story-writer, who has a fund of fresh humor, and knows just how to dish up a capital three-act farcical comedy.

The play has scored phenomenal successes both in the United States and England.

The plot is simple, clear cut and decidedly original. The first scene shows how Oxford boys live, when "off duty"; Jack Cheshire, son of Col. Sir Francis Cheshire, is entertaining his cronies, Charley Wykeham and Lord Fancourt Babberly, in his apartments. The conversation turns on love affairs. Jack is in love with Amy, daughter of Stephen Spiteague, and Charley is in love with Kitty Verdin, Mr. Spiteague's ward. They finally succeed in devising a plan by which they can see these young ladies alone. Charley remembers that his aunt, Dona Lucia D'Alvadore, who educated him and has for years been his sponsor, telegraphed him in the morning that she would be with him by noon. A happy idea comes upon him and he tells his "pal" that his aunt will chaperone the girls. The invitations are sent, the luncheon prepared, and everything carried out in detail, but at the last moment Charley's aunt wires to the effect that business keeps her away, and that she will come later on. Lord Fancourt Babberly, who is rehearsing an old lady's part for private theatricals, is pressed into the service and "makes a jolly nice old lady." The scene ends up by Lord Babberly, the disguised aunt, falling over a chair backwards in a most unladylike manner, and the college chums trying to hide her defects.

The second act is laid in a garden outside Cheshire's rooms. Her complications increase, for Sir Francis Cheshire and Stephen Spiteague, upon hearing of Dona Lucia D'Alvadore's large fortune, have proceeded to make violent love to her. It is at this time, too, that the real Dona Lucia makes her first entrance in company with her ward Ella Delahay, who is an old flame of Lord Babberly. The love scenes are grotesquely involved. The third act thrills with intrigue. Charley's make-believe aunt accepts the attentions of Stephen Spiteague long enough to get his written word that Amy and Kitty may marry the men of their choice, and then the divelges her identity and falls at the feet of Ella Delahay. The genuine Dona Lucia forgives Charley and is clasped in the arms of her old love, Jack's father, Sir Francis. And then everything ends as merry as the proverbial marriage bell.

Each member of the Company made the most of their individual parts. Mrs. J. F. Brian as *Dona Lucia* never looked better in her life. Her carriage and gowen were majestic, and her make-up very picturesquely. Miss Gregor as *Ella Delahay* had a small part, with some few pathetic passages which she delivered admirably. Her companion player, Miss Marie Brian (*Kitty Verdin*) was in cheery humour and made things very lively while she was present. Miss Stella Leigh made a splendid *Amy Spiteague* and acted the part with true glibness and grace. Mr. Kitt's antics in the part of *Lord Fancourt Babberly* did not reach the merit of high praise, and he carried his climaxes to the greatest possible depths. He had fine lines which would easily win a laugh by the mere recitation, but he emboldened them with gestures, which quite spoiled the plans of the composer. Mr. J. H. Nunn, as *Sir Francis Cheshire*, did excellent work, and looked the part. Mr. Verner, as *Charley Wykeham*, was the principal figure during the entire play. Hawley soon seen two of the best Continental actors in the same part, it was with no small judgment that we pass the best of opinions on Mr. Verner's efforts. He was utterly perfect, dressed in the best taste, and thoroughly up in the business. Mr. D. Crawford Smith gave *Brasst*, the servant, an eccentric turn, which centered attention and served as an admirable background for the fun in a lighter vein. Mr. Miller, as *Pettigree*, was up to the best mark, and Mr. Geo. Mallett as *Jack Cheshire* added much to the already good opinion Hongkong playgoers had formed of his abilities in his own special case.

The inimitable Mr. Smith sang "The Irish Parliament" and "The Inquisit," after the play was finished with his usual liveliness, and Miss Brian danced and sang in a vivacious and brilliant manner. The shadow pantomime given afterwards was thoroughly appreciated.

CRICKET.

A cricket match, played by elevens representing the Medical Staff Corps, ("Geneva Cross") and "H" company of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry, was played in Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. After a very close game, the result that two men were carried off to the Civil Hospital suffering from severe skull wounds, while another gallant warrior had his head and right arm so severely injured that he expired before daybreak to-day. This morning, however, there was "blood in the moon" for the guilds had armed their fighting men with revolvers, spears and bludgeons, ready for a hand-to-hand encounter at an early hour, and these were told off in squads scattered in various godowns and lodging-houses down West. The appearance of the police on the scene early this morning, however, turned the tide somewhat, and instead of the streets being filled with rioters they were fairly clear, the combatants confining themselves to the many spots of "potting" with revolvers, at well known passes by in Queen's and Hillier Streets. Most of the shots went wide of the mark, but one of them took effect in the abdomen of *Tung-koon* hawker who expired about 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Civil Hospital. Shortly after the wounded hawker was carried off to the hospital the plain-clothes police ransacked the lodging-houses in Queen's Street, while a number of plain constables and troopers cleared Queen's Road West, which was crowded with hundreds of the lower class of Chinese. At the same time the minions of the Registrar General were sent out to post in the disturbed districts a "warning" to the natives to keep the peace at all hazards. This notice, together with the presence of extra police in Queen's Road West, appears to have had the desired effect, for since noon to-day there has been no recurrence of disorder down West, although a seat of guerrilla warfare is being carried on by pickets of *Tung-koon* men, who are reported to have committed murderous assaults on their opponents in various parts of the Colony during the afternoon. The members of guilds concerned have not yet assumed their daily avocations, and it is reported

SUB ROSA.

That there is no reverence in the male animal of the human species is shown in the Jewish prayer "I thank thee, dear Lord, that they hast not created me a woman." Could anything more humiliating be conceived?

It is generally supposed that the Creator, after having fashioned man out of mud, saw the imperfection of his work, and then made woman as his last and best design.

Shakespeare ought to have been ashamed of himself when he said: "Really, the name is worth as much as he was, and nearly all his life to the world." I am a weak, ignorant and vulgar woman!

The lowest sign-painter tacitly acknowledges the inferiority of his sex when he writes "Men's Cabin" on one side of a ferry-boat and "Ladies' Cabin" on the other. If he is perfectly truthful he uses "Gents" for "Men's" because a Gent is the lowest human type.

When a man gives his seat in a public conveyance to a lady the chances are that a poor seamstress or a tired washerwoman. His action is never dictated by courtesy, but by a desire to make it far more than any money you'd like to give me. I should indeed."

The man spoke so earnestly and evidently with such genuine feeling that I didn't like to say "No." He saw my indecision, however, and, thinking to divide the cause, said, "I'll see that you are not interrupted; Miss, and if I pull down the blinds no one will see what is going on from the outside. Ishan't be long in any case, for I'm only going back to the next station on a pilot engine to get some *fishman's*."

Then a gentleman gets intoxicated he is voted a royal good fellow, and is sent home in a cab by the first policeman. If a woman take a drop too much she is tabooed by society and generally sent to jail for thirty days.

A male typewriter is earning an honest living; a female is said always to be engaged in misleading her employer or his confidential clerk.

An intelligent educated woman in a dry goods store gets six dollars a week; a stupid, illiterate counter-jumper, doing less work and doing it badly, gets twelve.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

ALLAHABAD, February 20th.

In consequence of the gloomy financial outlook all spending Departments of Government have been directed to effect every possible curtailment in their Budget demands for the ensuing year. This direction is apparently more stringent than the general instruction to effect economies given some months ago.

LONDON, February 24th.

The Police are now watching 200 anarchists in London.

Lord Lansdowne arrived at Dover yesterday.

At the last moment the proposed demonstration at the funeral of the anarchist Bourdin was forbidden by the authorities. A large force of police was stationed along the route to the cemetery to preserve order. The crowd threw mud and orange peel at the bears and shouted "down with the anarchists!" One man was arrested when attempting to harangue the crowd at the grave.

"PELICAN TAILS."

TRUE MORE OR LESS.

A GENUINE "DEADHEAD."

It was striking five o'clock, and Annie had just brought in the tea when I received this telegram:

"Can you come down to-night and play Carmen?" Miss Hillside taken suddenly ill. Name your own terms, only do not disappoint, otherwise shall have to close and suffer serious loss. Wire immediately.

"Blanchard, Theatre Royal, Mudropolis."

The notice was short enough, indeed, but I knew the past and the music by heart. Besides, Dick Blanchard had been a good friend to me in my young and struggling days, and now that there was a chance of returning his kindness by helping him in his difficulty, I should show myself ungrateful. Indeed if I declined to accept the offer I would be forced to look me out Mudropolis in the A.B.C.

"It's on the South-Western," she said, after a brief struggle with the yellow-covered volume, "and there's a fast train at six, which will get you down in plenty of time."

It did not like long to pick my dress-bitskin, and, in the meantime, I sent a telegram to Blanchard, telling him that I was coming. Then a hansom was bailed, and off I went at lightning speed to Waterloo. There was a block on Waterloo Bridge—a cab-horse had fallen, or something—but finally we dashed into the station, and, whilst Annie looked after the luggage, I fled to the booking-office.

"Train just gone," exclaimed the clerk, slamming the ticket window in my face.

"What's to be done?" I asked blankly.

"Find a porter," replied the resourceful Annie. "We found several, but they one and all evidently were firm believers in that proverb which saith 'Ignorance is bliss, for they knew nothing. Presently, however, I discovered a guard leaning against a pillar and contemplating vacancy with deep and absorbing interest. To him I opened my heart, explained my position, and begged him to help me. He was a queer, wild-eyed sort of individual, with a habit of grinning grimly, which rather frightened me.

"I tell you what you had better do," he said. "The last train to Mudropolis has gone, but if you take the 6.30 to Bangbok, you'll catch the train to Mudropolis, and that'll land you in plenty of time."

"Six-thirty to where?" I murmured, confusedly. "I hate trains and time-tables, and always get into a fearful muddle when I travel by myself."

The wild-looking guard laughed. "I'll look after you," he said, leading the way to a first-class carriage, and stowing my basket under a seat. I said good-bye to Annie and sent her home, for it was a bitterly cold night and was snowing heavily, and I didn't want the girl to get frozen on the draughty platform. My friend, the guard, obtained a foot-warmer, pulled up the window, and got me some papers, and when there was nothing more to be done, he poked his head in the window, and, grinning more than ever, inquired if I was quite comfortable. Thinking that he was angling for a tip, I produced my purse; but, seeing this, he said, "No, no, Miss. I don't want anything—at least, not at present, I am only too pleased to do, what I can for you, for I recognise your face, Miss, and I've often seen you set, and—well, later on you may be able to set, and—well, later on you may be able to do something for me."

Then he vanished, the whistle sounded, and off we went. I suppose I must have dropped off into a doze, for presently I was conscious of a rough voice sounding in my ear:

"We're blocked with snow, Miss, and you'd better get out and come into the waiting-room and warm yourself."

It was my guard, and he was grinning horribly. I crawled out of the carriage, blinking and yawning, hurried down the snow-covered platform of the wayside station, and entered the tiny waiting-room, in which burst a cheerful fire. There was only one other individual there, a man muffled up to the eyes, who lay back on one of the benches with his hands clasped before him. He was apparently asleep.

My guard, having seen me seated on a bench close to the stove, bent over me and whispered in my ear, "Before you started, Miss, you said you'd like to reward me in some way, and I said you'd talk of that later on. Now, Miss, if you'll tell of the same mind, I'd take it as a special favour if you'd sing a song or two, and do a bit of a dance."

"Sing a song!" I exclaimed, naturally surprised.

"Yes, Miss. You see that chap in the corner? Well, he's a brother of mine. He's a bit wrong sometimes, and I'm afraid he'll do himself some harm. Now, I can't stop here and keep an eye on him, for I'm wanted outside, and there's only one thing that'll wake him up, and that is a lively song and dance. I'm afraid I'm asking a great deal, but I know you are a singer at both, and I would be real kind of you, Miss. If you could do what I ask, and I should be

grateful, I'll give you a good salary and a nice place to live."

"I'll do it, if you like," I said. "I'll do it, if you like."

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—93 per cent., prem., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on 1/8 o'clock paid up—\$25, sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1882 B—2 per cent., premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$102 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$57 per share, sellers and buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 165 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$134 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$67, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$189 per share, ex div., sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$27 per share, sales and buyers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$55 sales and buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—45 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$43, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—77 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$43 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$10 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shambra Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
Punjon Mining Co.—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.
Société Financière des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$80 per share, sales and sellers.
The Teles Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$6.40, sales and buyers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$12. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$180 per share, sellers and buyers.
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$375 sales and buyers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$93, sales and sellers.
Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sales and sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$52, sales and sellers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$131 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$98 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$79 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sales and buyers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$78, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4.50, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$5 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex. Div. buyers.

EXCHANGE.
On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 1/12
Bank Bills, on demand 1/12
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/0
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/0

ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 2.48
Credits at 4 months' sight 2.50
ON INDIA—
T. T. 168
On Demand 169
ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T. 73
Private, 30 days' sight 73

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd's steamer *Karlsruhe*, with the outward German mail, left Singapore on the 10th instant, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 27th ultimo.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 8th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 9th instant for Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAIL.
The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Victoria* left Tacoma (Washington), on the 28th ultimo, via Victoria, for Yokohama and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Titan* left Singapore on the 7th instant, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenavon* left Singapore on the 8th instant, and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Australian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Maria Valeria* left Singapore on the 8th instant, and may be expected here on the 16th.

The China Mutual steamer *Moyang* left Singapore on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 16th.

The N. G. Italiana *Elisirio* left Bombay on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on the 16th.

VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Per *Sangklang*, from Manila.—Mr. Loman i European and 16 Chinese.

Lord & Lady Ashburton, Mr. & Mrs. Morel and child, Mr. & Mrs. Baring, Mr. J. de Rego Barros, Mr. T. Morozay, Miss du Bois, Mr. & Mrs. Norton, Capt. Burr, K. N. Mr. H. Burton, Miss Chamney, Mr. C. E. Cletheron, Mr. J. R. P. Cramer, Miss Marie D'Are, Miss N. D'Are, Miss E. D'Are, Miss Emily D'Are, Mr. W. D'Are, Mr. F. B. Deacon, Mr. & Mrs. Dickson, Mr. W. A. Duff, Mr. A. J. Easton, Mr. C. Evelyn, Mrs. Eva and son, Mr. H. Farnloe, Mr. G. Fenwick, Mr. C. Freeman, Mr. H. Gravé, Mr. W. N. Hallgarten, Misses Scholfield, Mr. & Mrs. Holland, Mr. M. Jones, Mr. J. Kinghorn, Dr. J. J. Kirkbride, Captain Kirby, R.N., Mr. J. Kirkwood, Mr. & Mrs. H. Kitts, Baron and Baroness de Lardario, Mr. G. Lancaster, Mr. R. G. Lawson, Mr. L. Lecu, Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Little, Mr. W. Lomax, Mr. & Mrs. Lyttelton, Mr. J. McWilliams, Mr. J. C. Medd, Mr. Meerdash, Mr. J. R. Mccs., Capt. & Mrs. Wrotteley.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Gimble, Mr. J. M. Murray, Capt. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. A. E. Skeels, Mr. MacLean, Mr. A. Findlay-Smith, Mr. Medhurst, Capt. & Mrs. Welman.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

NAOGWA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,720, Y. J. Brown, 11th March.—Saigon 7th March, Rice and Paddy—Nippon Yasei Kaihatsu, ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudge, 11th March.—Yokohama 3rd March, Mails and General—P. & S. N. Co., THALAS, British steamer, 820, H. Bahrung, 12th March.—Talwanfo 7th March, and Amoy 8th March, General—D. Laprak & Co., EXE, British steamer, 1,306, J. Watson, 11th March.—Otaru 14th Feb., and Hakodate 3rd March, Coal—Arnold, Karberg & Co., ROLLHA, British steamer, 2,174, W. J. Nantes, 11th March.—London, via Bombay 22nd Feb., and Singapore 3rd March, Mails and General—P. & S. N. Co., NAVANG, German steamer, 1,050, F. Schulte, 11th March.—Canton 11th March, General—Siemens & Co., YUNNANG, British steamer, 1,106, W. Waddilove, 12th March.—Manila 9th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co., SUNOKLNG, British steamer, 904, C. B. N. Dodd, 12th March.—Manila 7th March, General—Butterfield & Swire, LAKTES, British steamer, 1,350, G. Grider, 12th March.—Shanghai 8th March, General—Butterfield & Swire, ADEN, British steamer, 2,517, R. E. L. Hill, 12th March.—London 28th Jan., and Singapore 6th March, General—P. & S. N. Co., CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

AYOM, German steamer, for Chefoo, AIA, Danish steamer, for Holbow, HOGO MARU, Japanese steamer, for Amoy, ELAS, British steamer, for Shanghai.

FORMOSA, British steamer, for Amoy.

MADUSS, British steamer, for Saigon.

THALAS, British steamer, for Swatow.

YUNYANG, German steamer, for Shanghai.

PROGRESS, German steamer, for Chefoo.

DEPARTURES.

March 10, NANCHANG, British str., for Canton, March 10, KWANPONG, Chinese str., for Shanghai, March 11, CHOYANG, British str., for Swatow, March 11, DEUTEROI, German str., for Chefoo, March 11, FOKEI, British steamer, for Swatow, March 11, AFGHANISTAN, British 4-m. bark, for Bangkok.

March 11, KWILLIN, British str., for Shanghai, March 11, HONGKONG, French str., for Holbow, March 12, FORMOSA, British str., for Amoy, March 12, HOGO MARU, Japanese steamer, for Amoy.

March 12, NAVANG, German str., for Shanghai, March 12, ROHILLA, British str., for Shanghai.

Passenger—ARRIVED.

Per *Antonia*, from Yokohama for Hongkong.

Messrs. J. Rickett and E. A. Hewitt, From Kobe—Mrs. Ah Len and child, Messrs. Kwong Teng Sang, Yuen Sang, and 3 Chinese Boys.

From Yokohama for Brindisi—Messrs. R. Wolfson and H. Grove, For London—Messrs. C. Freeman and C. Medd, For Marseilles—Mr. T. H. Wilson, From Kobe for London—Mr. and Mrs. F. Wengel and child, and Miss L. Wengel.

Per *Rohilla*, from London for Hongkong—Colonel and Mrs. Dowden, Misses De Bois (3), and Comandore Poly, R.N., From Brindisi—Messrs. Williamson and Ehrhart, From Bombay—Mr. and Mrs. Lytton, 2 children and 2 syah.

From Penang—6 Chinese. From Singapore—Mr. and Mrs. Mason and child, Misses Mason, Hancock, Kyle, Fuller, Messrs. Bright, E. de Chagal, Henderick, and 27 Chinese. From London for Shanghai—Messrs. Calincross, Misses Aldridge, Simpson, Cartwright, and Dugdale, From Bombay—Misses Blandon (2), Mrs. Lawrence, and Mr. Whitley, From London for Yokohama—Hon. Mr. and Mrs. North, Mr. and Mrs. Scammon, Miss Gracie Swane, Colonel W. D. Samuel, Messrs. McLean, Slater, Parkin, Player, Lancaster, Lawton, and Leonard Lee, From Brindisi—Hon. Baring, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Messrs. Jenkins, de Wina, Farinet, Easthead, and Sawyer, From Bombay—Mr. and Miss C. P. Whitcombe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Little, From Calcutta—Lord and Lady Ashburton and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Miss Barry, and Dr. Henderson, From London for Nagasaki—Mr. H. Parcell.

Per *Nogoya Maru*, from Saigon—2 Chinese.

Per *Thalis*, from Taiwanfo, 1/2—104 Chinese.

Per *Yensheng*, from Manila—Mr. and Mrs. Holland, the D'Are Marconette, Troup, and G. Chase.

Per *Sangklang*, from Manila.—Mr. Loman i European and 16 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Yensheng* reports that she left Manila on the 9th instant, and had strong moonsoon high sea and clear weather.

The British steamship *Thalis* reports that she left Taiwanfo on the 7th instant, and Amoy on the 8th, and had moderate north-east moonsoon and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship *Larriet* reports that she left Shanghai on the 8th instant, and had fine moonsoon high sea and clear weather.

The British steamship *Sungklang* reports that she left Manila on the 7th instant, and had moderate wind and sea up to lat. 18° north and long. 117° east; thence to port had strong north-east winds and high sea.

The Japanese steamship *Nagoya Maru* reports that she left Saigon on the 7th instant at 1 p.m., had moderate east and south-east winds and fine weather. On the 8th experienced light north-easterly wind and fine weather. On the 9th wind freshening to strong breeze from north, sky overcast and heavy head sea. On the 10th fresh gale with same weather and sea. On the 11th wind gradually moderating till Gap Rock was reached at 1:40 p.m.; thence to port moderate winds and fine weather.

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A MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Devawongse* to-morrow, the 13th instant, at 8:30 A.M.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygum, 10th March—Pakhoi 7th Feb., and Holbow 9th, General—Arnold, Karberg & Co., AMOV, German steamer, 66, W. Wolf, 6th March—Manila and March, Rice—Ed. Schellbach & Co.

ASK, Danish steamer, 502, Revbeck, 1st March—Haiphong 25th Feb., and Holbow 26th Feb., General—A. R. Martz.

BELGIC, British steamer, 2,605, Wm. H. Walker, 6th March—San Francisco 8th Feb., and Yokohama 1st March, Mails and General.

BRITANNIA, British steamer, 1,456, E. Le Bouillier, 1st March—Saigon 6th March, Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHELSEA, British steamer, 1,574, R. Cais, 7th March—Calcutta 17th Feb., and Singapore 1st March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEVAWONGSE, British str., 1,077, R. Unsworth, 7th March—Bangkok 27th Feb., and Koh-si-chang 1st March, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

DONAS, German steamer, 1,201, B. Grundmann, 9th March—Cheerful 27th Feb., Sugar—Louis, Wegener & Co.

ELAS, British steamer, 2,612, Daniel, 9th March—Batavia, and Singapore 3rd March, Oil—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 5,504, Geo. A. Lee, 28th Feb.—Vancouver 5th Feb., Yokohama 20th, Kobe 21st, Nagasaki 22nd, and Shanghai 23rd, General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

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